

THIS WEEK IN THE MISSOURI HOUSE

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FLOOR ACTIONS

Last week, the House passed **HCS SCS SB 71** by a vote of 86 to 66. The House amended this Senate bill to decrease each individual income tax rate by one half of one percent. The bill also creates an income tax credit equal to 50 percent of the amount of an eligible donation made to a qualifying mentally retarded and developmental type disability care provider. This bill has been returned to the Senate for its consideration.

The House also passed **HJR 37**, which proposes a constitutional amendment to guarantee the right to vote by secret ballot where state or federal law requires public elections for public office or public votes on initiatives or referendums or where state or federal law requires designations or authorizations of employee representation. The House passed this resolution by a vote of 83 to 74. If passed by the Senate, this proposal would be placed on the 2010 ballot.

The House also passed:

- **SCS SB 140**, which modifies provisions relating to criminal nonsupport.
- **SCS SB 141**, which changes the laws regarding paternity and child support.

The House third read 2 House Bills and 17 Senate Bills.

This Week

**The Constitutional
deadline to pass the
2010 budget is 6 p.m.
on Friday, May 8.**

BY THE NUMBERS

House Actions
as of 5/4/09
9:30 a.m.

# House Bills Filed	1,241
# HBs Referred to Committee	1,249
# HBs Reported Do Pass	212
# HBs Reported Do Pass Consent	111
# HBs Perfected	191
# HBs Third Read	186
# HBs Reported Do Pass in the Senate	148
# HBs Third Read in the Senate	51
# HBs TAFP	9

Dates of Interest

- May 8 - Appropriation bills must be Truly Agreed and Finally Passed
- May 15 - Session ends
- July 14 - Deadline for the governor to sign bills
- September 16- Veto session begins

Photo of the Week



Budget conferees discuss various items in the state budget. The budget conference committee began meeting last week in the legislative library of the State Capitol.



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FAST FACTS

Below is a comparison of House and Senate actions as of May 4 of each year.

Year	HBs Filed	SBs Filed	HBs 3rd Read	SBs 3rd Read	HBs TAFP	SBs TAFP
2009	1,241	594	184	122	9	10
2008	1,336	600	173	123	9	8
2007	1,330	732	150	177	30	19
2006	1,207	723	171	196	46	49
2005	991	576	159	167	39	51

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- Last week the Budget Conference Committee began meeting to discuss **HBs 2 - 13**.
- The House referred 6 house bills other than budget bills to conference committee last week.
- The **Energy and Environment Committee** passed **HCS SCS SB 376**, which modifies provisions relating to energy and energy efficiency.
- The **Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Juricprudence Committee** passed **HCS HB 46 & 434**, which changes the laws regarding the consent requirements for obtaining an abortion and creates the crime of coercing an abortion. The committee also passed **HCS HB 152**, which expands the DNA profiling system by requiring any person 17 years of age or older who is arrested for certain crimes to provide a biological sample for the purpose of DNA profiling analysis.
- The **Senate Ways and Means Committee** held a hearing on **HCS HJR 36**, which proposes a constitutional amendment replacing individual and corporate income tax and sales and use tax with a sales tax on retail sales of new tangible property and taxable services.

Did you know?



All of the marble used in the construction of the Capitol was from Missouri except eight columns in the House chamber that were made in New Hampshire.

Above: Students look through the marble railings of the upper galleries inside the House Chamber. Each year, over 250,000 people visit the state Capitol. Many of these visitors are 4th grade school classes studying Missouri history in Social Studies class.